

## CURRENT COMMENT.

CONTINUING in clerk hire, mileage and incidentals a member of congress now receives a salary of \$12,500 for his two years' service.

The children's subscription for a monument to the late Eugene Field, the western author, amounted a few days ago to \$254.56, and 1,370 subscribers were represented.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., June 17.—The town without a woman, has lost its distinction. Its postmaster, Mr. F. H. Metcalf, has recently married a wife, and other citizens are expected to follow his example.

A prominent member of the League of American Wheelmen living in Chicago has proposed that a fine piece of continuous roadway be established between New York and San Francisco for cross country riding.

The new watch is to have a photographic cylinder hidden away at the hour and at each quarter of an hour a tiny voice will be heard giving you the exact time. You will simply touch a spring, hold the watch to your ear and it will whisper the hour.

The invention of a new calculating machine in France has demonstrated its triumph by practical work. One of the remarkable results achieved was when 6,222,334.44 was multiplied by 8,888,111.22. The answer appeared on the register in less than three seconds.

It appears from statistics just published that there are about 2,500 newspapers and periodicals printed in this country every week, more than appear in all the rest of France. Of these 107 are political, 106 illustrated, 108 devoted to fashions, 190 to sports, over 200 to finance and 50 to agriculture.

BUTTER-MAKING in one minute, with economy and with many valuable safeguards from disease, as compared with the old-fashioned churning system, is something that Consul O'Connell at Stockholm tells of in a report to the state department. This is done by a simple machine known as the radiator. It makes the butter directly from sterilized milk. The machine promises to revolutionize butter-making.

The newest find in jewelry is an engraved diamond. A prominent Parisian jeweler has turned out a bicycle scarf made out of two single diamonds. The result is an exact representation of a bicycle in miniature, made entirely of diamond. The fact that it has been considered impossible because no tool could be found hard enough to cut the stone. The use of electricity, however, renders this possible.

GEORGE SIMPSON, aged eight; Robert Simpson, nine; Charles Larson, ten; John Fitzgerald, eleven; and Edward Fitzgerald, nine, were locked up at Chicago recently on charges of burglary. The children were the confessed leaders and senior members of a gang of infant burglars to whose doings they had been traced several robberies. So skillfully was their work executed that the police inclined to the belief that it was the work of experienced crooks.

At the United States brewers' convention in Philadelphia recently President Elbert reviewed the events of the past year and pointed out that the output of beer in the last 20 years had increased from 8,500,000 barrels to 36,000,000 barrels, and declared it to be the national beverage. The percentage of alcohol in American beer, he said, is growing less every year, and people of this country are getting a drink more wholesome and less intoxicating than of old.

EDWARD M. BENTLEY, of New York, has just patented an electric plow, which runs back and forth across a field and turns up the soil in a fashion that would have made pioneer farmers of a hundred years ago stand dumb with amazement. His invention calls into use the most recent developments in the line of transmission of electric power. A power house in a centrally-located village can furnish motive force for all the farm work to be done within a radius of many miles.

A GIGANTIC project, that of building a second pipe line from the Indian oil fields to Whiting, Ind., has just been made public. The new line will be 160 miles in length, beginning in the fields of Wells, Blackfoot, Fay, Adams and Grant counties and extending northwest through Huntington, Wehask, Miami, Kosciusko, Fulton, Cass, Marshall, White, Pulaski, Starke, Laporte, Jasper, Porter, Newton and Lake counties to Whiting, where immense refineries are to be erected at an outlay of several millions. Work on the right of way is being pushed rapidly.

IN THE NORTH American Review Mr. M. Morton says that no intelligent person has been able to see the agricultural problem in the most vital in American politics to-day, though it has been thrust aside by issues that seem at most only secondary to the main proposition. The situation is anomalous and unparalleled. The country has had profound peace for 30 years. There have been no famines. In fact this period has been one of wonderful productivity. Yet every year the farmers as a class have become poorer.

"FIFTY years hence not a big town in the southwest will be without a tornado trap," says Prof. I. A. Hazen, of the weather bureau. The time has arrived when the farmer must be given to finding means of defense against these whirling storms. His belief is that any town would be rendered safe against tornadoes by a series of look-out stations, so as to intercept a barrier on the west side, from which the revolving storm invariably comes. On seeing a funnel cloud approaching the operator would simply touch off some dynamite which would blow it to smithereens.

The railroad systems of the country are about to be revolutionized and it will be no strange thing if we are able to rush about in an unbecomingly speed within a few months, writes a Washington correspondent. To New York in two hours from the capital; to breakfast in Gotham and lunch in Chicago, and take our next breakfast in view of the placid waters of the Pacific, are what is promised us. The latest invention, is what is known as the Brett Rapid Transit Bicycle railway. It combines the principles of the most improved electric motor and the track is constructed with a single rail.

## NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Gleaned By Telegraph and Mail.

## PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

A DISPATCH to the London Times stated that the Turks had invaded Acroftia and Kydonia in the island of Crete and desecrated the churches. The Turks had also destroyed villages in the western district and 5,000 refugees had fled to the mountains and were suffering extreme privations.

The announcement was made at Washington from the state department that President Cleveland intends taking no action with respect to the Cuban revolution.

CONGRESSMAN HERRICK (rep.) has been nominated for the Eleventh congressional district.

CHARLES H. HARRIS and his associates held a business conference in regard to the democratic convention on the 13th. Harris clings to the hope that the silver men and gold men in the party will be evenly divided so that many seem to anticipate. Of one thing Mr. Harris spoke with a feeling of certainty, and that is that there would be no bolt from the convention.

BOTH houses of congress adjourned at four o'clock on the 13th. No business was transacted in the senate, and the house was practically in the same position. In the latter body, just before adjournment, Mr. Turner, of Georgia (dem.), offered a resolution that Speaker Reed, which was adopted by a standing vote, to which speaker responded in pleasant manner and the session of both houses closed with the best of feeling.

It was rumored at New York on the 13th that President Cleveland, Speaker Reed and Secretary Harrison had entered into a partnership and practice law in that city after the 4th of March.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

A CRANK demanded \$4,000 of George Wyckoff, president of the bank of New Amsterdam, N. Y., and because it was not handed to him the president was shot twice in the abdomen. The assailant, whose name was believed to be Clarence Clark, then shot himself. Both were unconscious in the hospital.

CHARLES HILDEBRANT, the well-known sport from Newburg, South Africa, has arrived at New York to try and make a match between Corbett and Fitzsimmons. He is ready to put up \$10,000. Should he fail to make a match between the above mentioned pugilists he will try and get up a fight between Corbett and Denver Ed Smith.

The railway brotherhood of engineers, firemen, trainmen and telegraph operators, which recently moved their headquarters to Peoria, Ill., asked the republicans committee on resolutions at St. Louis for an arbitration.

THE reported bursting of the banks of Congress lake, near Canton, O., and the destruction of two villages, recently telegraphed over the country, was a hoax. Loss, \$125,000.

SHERMAN WESTON, while stealing a ride from Stanton to Edwardsville, Ill., on a freight train, jumped off and was nearly hanged.

MR. VIXON's stadium at Santa Fe, N. M., was burned recently. Loss, \$100,000. It was crowded, but no lives were lost.

MORRIS JACKSON and J. W. Vest quarreled at Bartlesville, Okla., and the former drew a knife and the latter a pistol. Jackson was shot through the body three times and Vest was hit in several places. Both men finally fell to the ground and died soon afterward.

JERRY MCKEENE, a hotel proprietor at Washington, and his wife tried to commit suicide by taking laudanum. The husband was promptly recovered.

RUFUS BARTLEY, a saddler of Weightsburg, Ky., severed the main artery of his arm while in bed and bled to death. Disappointment in love was the cause.

THE four-story warehouse of the White Mills Distilling Co. at Louisville, Ky., was destroyed by fire recently and 6,000 barrels of whiskey were consumed. Loss, \$100,000.

THE stone bridges of Cristina and Concha and the aqueduct of Fernando Septimo, upon which Havana was dependent for its water supply, were threatened by the late heavy rains. Much fever and small-pox was existing in Havana and altogether the city was in a deplorable condition. A council of Spanish generals had decided to suspend operations on the island.

GOmez's insurgent force of 5,000 was said to have been defeated by Castaliano's troops.

SARAH ANN AXELL, who alleges she is the widow of the late Jay Gould, has begun suit in New York to recover her dowry right in the Gould estate.

SHER PALMER, a negro, was executed in the city jail on the 13th for the brutal murder in December last of Charley Cordell and wife, a newly married colored couple.

BLACKWELL, Okla., was recently greatly excited because members of the Baptist church would not allow the United States flag to be unfurled inside the church during a G. A. R. reunion. The G. A. R. had passed resolutions denouncing church trustees, and all the church people have come back with a hot retort.

THE attorney-general of Wisconsin has brought suit to have the franchise revoked and a receiver appointed to wind up the affairs of the National Manufacturing Co., of Hartford, as it is creating, he alleges, a lumber trust extending over Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Illinois, Ohio and Kansas.

BILL WEST, the notorious Indian territory murderer who escaped from jail at Topeka, Kan., while under sentence of death, has been captured at Illinois, Okla., while resisting arrest.

A DISPATCH from Bombay stated that the British warship Bonaventura, while making a passage from Colombo, Ceylon to Pondicherry, called at the French settlement in India, lost 70 men by sunstroke.

The town of Topeka, Mo., was recently visited by a tornado, accompanied by a water spout. The town was a desolate scene. Many of the dead bodies were taken out from the debris and 30 more people were missing and supposed to have been killed. Many others were so badly injured that the last rites of the church were administered to them. Some of the streets were eight feet in mud and rocks that rolled down from the mountains.

Two business blocks, containing half a dozen stores in Lamar, Col., were destroyed by a fire. The total loss was \$50,000.

A LITTLE daughter of Mrs. A. Hatfield, of Boodhouse, Ill., was burned to death through playing with matches. Mrs. MOLLIE GAINES went to the house of Mrs. Robert Gresham, a widow, at Clearmont, Fla., and found her husband there. The wife then sprang at the woman's throat with a razor and, after a desperate conflict, the widow had her jugular vein severed and the wife was rendered unconscious by having her skull fractured.

The steamer Bertha was sunk off Southwold, Eng., by colliding with the steamer Claveler and six of her crew were drowned, the remainder being rescued.

UNKNOWN persons poisoned the wells on the places of Henry Weaver and his son at Weaverstown, Pa., and one child has died and another was very sick through drinking the water.

With the disbanding on the night of the 13th of Parson Davies' "Wicklow" football company John L. Sullivan and his friends staged a riot. About five nights out of six during the past six months the ex-champion of the world has been so much under the influence of three or four drunken men that he has been unable to perform his feat more than a few times. What he will do for a living he does not himself know, nor do any of his associates. Financially as well as physically, he is "dead broke."

At ten o'clock on the night of the 13th 300 striking quarrymen marched out of the village of Bergea, near Cleveland, O., bound for North Amherst. The strikers were accompanied by ten wagons loaded with provisions and other supplies, and it was their purpose to lay siege to the North Amherst quarries and induce the men there to quit. A large force of deputy sheriffs has been sworn in for duty at North Amherst.

THE Taylorsville, Ill., coal mining works were destroyed by fire on the morning of the 12th and 35 men were entombed. After hours of suffocation, all but three were rescued alive. The fire, which was caused by an explosion of gas, spread rapidly through the mine, cutting off the men at the lower levels. Twenty mules also perished. The loss by fire will be \$75,000, fully insured.

THOMAS WHITE, after a brief quarrel at Chillicothe, O., with Miss Edith McKelvey, his sweetheart, shot her fatally and then killed himself.

THE failures for the week ended June 12 (Sun) were 216 in the United States, against 241 last year, and 27 in Canada, against 24 last year.

THE failure of the hands of the clock at the world's record held by Liberton.

It was reported on the 12th that the Turkish had pillaged and burned 30 villages in the interior of the island of Crete.

ONE hundred and eighty cases of dynamite exploded about a mile below Lilly Pa., with flight in the air, and six persons were killed and six others fatally injured. The men were getting ready to make a blast when the explosion occurred. The steam shovel which stood on the track was hurled 300 feet away.

THE town of Princeton at base ball there was a roar that shook every window at Cambridge, Mass., and fireworks and night noises were heard. The police finally arrested three students, when the rest, numbering about 3,000, attempted to rescue them, but the police managed to get their prisoners to the station.

THE 3,000 mad students surrounded the place, clamoring for the release of their comrades and refused to disperse until they had been released on parole. They carried them off on their shoulders.

A BARREL of oil in the basement of Garishe's bakery at Allegheny, Pa., exploded early on the morning of the 13th and caused the structure to burn. Mrs. Garishe, aged 74, jumped out of a window and was instantly killed. The firemen found a child dead in his crib and a 15-year-old girl, who was badly burned, died.

THE boiler of the Michigan steel works at Marine City, Mich., exploded, killing William Womack, night foreman, and Jeter P. Haley, the boiler fireman, and Cyrenus O'Neill were badly injured. Flames broke out after the explosion and the property was destroyed. Loss, \$50,000.

SENA TORRE, of Indiana, on the 16th published a statement declining to allow his name to go before the democratic convention at Chicago for the nomination for president.

THE Dixon-Flaherty fight at Boston on the 15th for the featherweight championship of the world was declared a draw after 30 rounds. Both men put up a scientific fight and neither scored a scratch.

SENA TORRE stated a statement to the press from Paris stating he was confident the time was ripe for a settlement of the silver question and the re-establishment of bimetalism by international agreement and with the large co-operation of England.

MORE than a hundred delegates attended the 16th annual meeting of the supreme lodge A. O. U. W. on the 16th at Buffalo, N. Y. Supreme Master Workman Joseph E. Riggs, of Lawrence, Kan., occupied the chair.

A CALL for the national democratic league to meet at Chicago August 11 has been issued.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND wrote to the New York Herald on the 16th on the outlook of silver and stated that he refused to believe that when the time came the democratic national convention would engraft upon the party's creed a demand for the free coinage and independent coinage of silver and that the adoption of the proposition would give the republicans a great advantage over the democrats.

THE famous Valley was found strangled at Paris. She had been gagged and robbery was the motive. The baroness was 82 years old and said to be a miser.

TAX national republican convention was opened at St. Louis on the 16th by Chairman Carter, who introduced Mr. Charles W. Fairbanks as temporary chairman. After the temporary chairman had made a speech and some routine business had been gone through the convention took a recess till the next day.

ROBERT THOMAS, ten years old, and son of ex-Sheriff Thomas, was drowned in Flint lake, a few miles north of Valparaiso, Ind., while bathing with a party of older boys. He got beyond his depth, was taken with cramps and sank to the bottom.

HARK IDA, was visited by a disastrous fire the other evening, and the loss is estimated at \$100,000. For a time the entire city was threatened with destruction.

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## THE CONVENTION.

The First Session of the Republican Convention at St. Louis Short.

## TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

After Some Routine Business the Convention Adjourns—The Committee on Rules and Order of Business Meets and Adopts a Program.

ST. LOUIS, June 17.—The first session yesterday of the republican national convention was brief and formal. Chairman Carter, of the national committee, dropped the gavel at 12:30, and 60 minutes later an adjournment was taken until ten o'clock this morning.

The temporary chairman, C. W. Fairbanks, of Indianapolis, delivered his address and the committee on rules and order of business met at 1:15. The chairman announced the convention adjourned.

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Resolved, That until the permanent organization is effected, this convention will be governed by the rules of the last republican convention.

The motion was unanimously carried. Mr. Lamb, of Virginia, also offered the following:

Resolved, That the roll of states and territories be now called, and that the chairman of each delegation announce the names of the persons selected to serve on the several committees, as follows: "Permanent organization, rules and order of business, credentials, resolutions, and that all resolutions in relation to the platform of the republican party be referred to such committee without debate."

The resolution was adopted and the clerk proceeded with the call of the roll.

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